Draft recommendation of NCR Planning Board

2620. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NCR Planning Board has recommended various developmental plans and submitted its draft to Government for approval recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have studied the various recommendations made in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the policy of Government to provide various development plans in the NCR in the current plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) to (d) The National Capital Region Planning Board had constituted eight Study Groups with experts, officials and non-officials for review of Regional Plan-2001 and preparation of Regional Plan-2021. Based on the recommendations of the Study Groups, a draft Regional Plan-2021 for the National Capital Region has been prepared by the Board. After consideration of the Draft Report by the High Level Group constituted by the National Capital Region Planning Board, the objections and suggestions under Section 12 of NCRPB Act are to be invited.

The Draft Report aims at "promoting growth and balanced development of National Capital Region". It also aims:

— To provide suitable economic base for future growth.

— To provide efficient and economic rail & road based transportation networks.

— To minimize the adverse environmental impact.

— To improve resource mobilization and facilitate, attract & guide private investment.

— To develop selected urban settlements with urban infrastructural facilities such as transport, power, communication, drinking water sewerage, drainage etc. comparable with Delhi.

— To provide a rational land use pattern in order to protect and preserve good agricultural land and utilise unproductive land for urban uses.

— To promote sustainable growth with social justice and empowerment in resource.

— To improve the quality of life, particularly of the poor and deprived.

— To promote effective people's participation in the process of development through decentralisation of institutions.

(e) The current Regional Plan-2001 aims at decongesting Delhi and attaining a balanced and harmonized development of NCR. To achieve this objective, the Government has facilitated financing of 172 schemes in the NCR of which 84 schemes have been completed and 88 schemes are at different stages of implementation. The NCR Planning Board has also taken many steps for implementation of the Plan, which includes:

(i) Preparation of 4 Functional Plans relating to Transportation, Telecommunication, Power and Industry.

(ii) Preparation of the Sub-Regional Plans of Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan Sub-Regions.

(iii) Extension of loan facilities to State Government/Agencies for development of the NCR area so that the pressure on Delhi is reduced.

Metro rail and rapid transport system

2621. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the list of cities where metro rail and such rapid transport systems are presently introduced;